THE BUSINESS OF THE SESSION.

WHAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MUST

SOON CONSIDER. Measures Likely to Come Up in the Present

Session-Work Enough to Give the Legislature Plenty to Do for Some Little Time. of the State Legislature commences on ment, and, as is contended by many, in-Tuesday next. The meetings of the body have, for some years past, attracted much attention from the people of the Supreme Court shall sit on the circuit bench, in proper rotation, arises from the belief that this practice would help them to deal better with the question that the question that the destroy of the Supreme Court shall sit on the circuit bench, in proper rotation, arises mightiest stronghold of Bourbonism in the entire country, and the fact that there is a strong and growing Independent on party in that State, which, sooner or later, is destined to hold the reins of Washington, November 18.—The slat Tuesday next. The meetings of this crease the usefulness of the Supremo Court in other respects also. speakers and newspapers during the past six months. Of course it is not expected posed for our State has long been in the first time of the Course it is not expected posed for our State has long been in Hon. J. Hendrix McLane, the Independent

Agriculture it may be proper to mention that the term of the incumbent Commission. It is expected that he will stand the State. for re-election. Col. M. L. Donaldson, of Greenville, has been nominated for the dilatory process heretofore pursued in the position. The Legislature will be opening the ental and the cessation of work "alled upon to decide between these two and perhaps others also.

THE TAX SYSTEM.

lection of State and county taxes have ment.

While regretting lost opportunities they commanded public attention more or less for ten years past. The Legislature attempted some improvements, but, finding these inadequte, referred the matter to a commission. The commission made an elaborate report, but the Act they recommended was unceremoniously killed in the Senate. The necessity for country. some reform suggests itself in these

assessing property for taxation-a large will require the labor of 200 convicts to amount of property escaping taxation altogether.

2. The complicated procedure for enforcing the payment of taxes-rendering it quite sure that no title to property sold for taxes will be sustained by the

Courts. 3. The quantity of lands stready "forfeited" to the State for non-payment of taxes-the defaulting owners nevertheless, in numbers of cases, retaining their possession without paying any taxes at all. The value of these forfeited lands, yielding no revenue to the State is about \$3,000,000—involving a dead loss of about \$30,000 to the public treasury an-

nually.

The Legislature will be urged by the executive department to make the tax laws simple and effective, to subject the "forfeited" property to taxes in future, and, if possible, to collect all arrearages These arrearages amount to about \$100,-000. The figures themselves are a strong argument for improvement, and the General Assembly is expected to make it.

GUP JUDICIAL SYSTEM.

Perhaps no feature of our State government has of late commanded more attention than our courts of justicefrom the Supreme Court down to the Trial Justices. In the Supreme Court of the number of Justices from three to ice "on the rounds" would be filled

a Circuit Judge. The increase in the number of Justices is urged upon two grounds-that

public as to litigants themselves. The latter is the argument most strongly urged in favor of the enlargement of the court. On a number of important ques the decision of the Circuit Angle. tions the decision of the Circuit Judge the probable outcome of the session— has been reversed by a divided Supreme will not be apparent for several days have been easily queiled by half a dozen Court-so that there are two appellate after that. Judges on one side, with one circuit and one appellate Judge on the other. Two and two. An increase in the number of Columbia, November 19.—The session Justices would obviate this embarrass-

will keep the two houses busy for the thirty-three days between the day of meeting and Christmas. A reassembling of the body, after a short holiday, is not improbable.

To make either of the changes in the Supreme Court will require an anendigure on which his belief is based, that there of the body, after a short holiday, is not improbable.

To make either of the changes in the Supreme Court will require an anendigure on which his belief is based, that Such amendment must be embodied in a joint resolution of the General Assemblem in a joint resolution of the General Assemblem overwhelming vote. Without Northern passed the age of maximum efficiency, the interest of every one who has the long since washed from every side, are readily attacked from every side, between one side and another.

Wh. McLane maintains, and gives the to this end will be made.

It is intimated, however, that there same stone opposition on the Republicant of the count will reject the Boarbons by an overwhelming vote. With no earthly reason whatehout the interest of every one who has the transfer of the same stone, from which all the soil has been long since washed from every side, services that have been established in the figures on which his belief is based, that there is no the figure on which his belief is based, that there is no the figure on which his belief is based, that there is no the figure on which his belief is based, that there is no the figure on which his belief is based, that there is no the figure on which his belief is based, that there is no the figure on which his belief is based, that there is no the figure on which his belief is based, that there is no the figure on which his belief is based, that there is no the figure on which his belief is based, that there is no the figure on which his belief is based, that there is no the figure on which his belief is based, that there is no the figure on which his belief is based, that there is no the figure on which his belief is based, that there is no the figure on which his To make either of the changes in the

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wishes upon both propositions.

In connection with the Department of Columbia Canal is the only sure means of sioner of Agriculture, Col. A. P. Butler, | creasing her population and making ber a is about to expire, and his successor | manufacturing centre, thus giving impulse must be chosen at the approaching see- to various industries over a large portion of They furthermore are of the opinion that

on it during the past year have seriously depraciated the value of property in this Our laws for the assessment and col- that the State thereby has suffere! detri

are profoundly convinced that generous slation, combined with the active cooperation of the city, can repair the mi takes which may have been made; and that in this event a period of pro-perity will speedily dawn on the capital of our State and extend thoroughout the surrounding To insure this grand result in a short

time, to give to Columbia and the State

1. The inefliciency of our system of water power unsurpassed in the country, two years and a considerable sum of money
If the State will turn over the capal to the benefit of Columbia, and furnish tin hands, we are of the opinion that the tax payers of Columbia will readily furnish th means to complete the cand down to Tar try.

nish Sullivan Fenner. We, the undersigned, taxiavers and business men of the city of Columbia, therefore respectfully petition your honor ble bodies to pass the bill which will be about te lat this session of the Legislature, the general features of which are: That the State shall turn over to five trustees for the benefit of Columbia the canal, and furamount of \$200,000, bearing interest at six per cent, and that the city be empowered guarantee the payment of the interest of That 1,000 home power by furnished the State, and that the canal be vithin two years from the passage of the

AVELOUIS MATTERNS after-the homestead law, the lien law, whites do not vote, from various cances, wo changes will be urged-the increase the usury law, the school law, the phosphate interests-all of which have atour or five, and the requiring of them tracted more or less of the public atten-"rice the circuit" after the manner of tion. Doubtless some changes will be Circuit Judges. The place of the proposed in each of these laws, and the more proposition involves time if nor overwhelming majority cannot be count anything else.

without a doubt. the present incumbents are overworked, and that a decision by a divided court is ussatisfactory as well to the general liminaries. The Governor's message will demand fair play in Federal elections, successful in love.

CAPTURING CAROLINA.

McLane's Bravado and the Result--Planning a Campaign Against "the Bourbon Gibraltar."

(Editorial of the Boston Journal.)
There is an evident disposition in the lock on South Cooling them several members of Congress."

dependents most keenly feel the need of is the generous and active sympathy of the Republicaus of the North, and in return for this they are willing to do all they can toward the election of a Republican President in 1888

The reorganization of the State Department of Agriculture was urged upon the Legislature by the Farmers' Association that met here during Fair Week of last year. The Legislature did not adopt the suggestion of the best of Sessions raight well be used to be tried to be tried by Trial Justices; and the larger number that his go might, with great help to the taxpayers, be disposed of by some intermediate tribunal. The case triable in the Coat of Sessions raight well be preparing to begin at an early date a what the Exporter Intended to Do When Last

that the Board, as heretofore constituted, has done good work for the State, and that the proposed changes will not be for the better.

The columna canal.

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The question of the State's duty in reference to the Columbia Canal was a prominent one in the primaries of 1886. drew the appropriation, and suspended at the stitute the leading, if not the only, suggestions now urged by the friends of the "farmers' movement." The Farmers' Association is to meet here on the 1st December, and it is expected that the body will take steps to make known its wishes upon both propositions.

drew the appropriation, and suspended all work except such as was necessary to save what had already been done. The matter will come up formally during this year's secion, upon the following petities body will take steps to make known its wishes upon both propositions.

The citizens of Columbia are impressed with the development of the with a Bourbon plea as somewhat of an except this Bourbon plea as have been in favor of good and compe- Bey was in good health, and that the coun test men filling the offices. There was try to the southward of Albert Nyanza had never a time since they have been voters become much quieter. He had written but when the best white men in the State letter to Yengunga Camp, requesting proceeded not have been elected to office by visions to enable him to revietual Emitthe help of colored voters if the whites Bey. Owing to the events at Stanley Full had been wise and fair. In 1882, when and the state of the country, there was diffe the greatest frauds that ever had been cuty in finding potters who were willing known were committed, they were not to practiate into the unknown country be committed against ignorant negroes, but more especially against native white men. In respect to the intellectual ability, social standing and financial worth, the Independent nominees would not suffer by ci y, and caused a considerable number of cial standing and financial worth, the Inher citizens to seek homes elsewhere, and dependent nominees would not suffer by comparison with the Domocratic ticket. Had it been left to the educational qualification of the voters the number of votes for the Independent ticket would have far surpassed the number of votes for the Democratic ticket. The vote of the most intelligent and wealthy man in

carry the State in '88?"

honest vote. The Bourbons, knowing this, have separated the State from the Federal election, and have thus shown night he labor of 200 convicts for two that they know they cannot hold the years. That the trustees have power to State in a national contest if the Repubmortgage the caual and issue bonds to the licans of the North encourage the Independents to make a campaign. To per down to figures, I know that in that cust the vote would stand about as follows: The whole strength of the Bourbons does not exceed 50,000 of the 85,000 completed from its source to Tar Branch white voters, and this is less than encfourth of the voting population. There are about 120,000 colored voters, at least There are, besides all these things, on to go with the white Independents. others that the Legislature must look Allowing that 20,000 negroes and 10,000 you see there would be an opposing vote of 100,000 negroes and 25,000 Independ ents as against 50,000 Bourbon vote: which would make a clear majority of 75,000 for the Independents. Such as ed out if the National Republican party Our lawmakers have their hands full, stands by us. The Southern Bourbon dread the Northern eye as they dread

brave men, wearing as a sign of authority only the miniature flag of the United States at their lapel, if it were known they were carnestly backed by the Republican party of the North. Such a determined backing would, without

compell d to abandon his route along the level his road across the valleys. Aruwimi River, owing to its southerly course. He discovered streams which he believed to be tributaries of the Quelle.

The Fleasures of an Anarchist Wife.

"I have no use for a man who is too the State is not any more scenre under big a coward to make bombs to kill the ated. Bourbon management tinu is the vote police. If you won't make bombs I'll be called the main track, the narrowest of the most ignorant and penniless leave you." Paccia, of 1,010 Van Horn street, said abruptly and wound its way through the "Do you think the Repul-licans could with all the violence of a virago, to her bushes and up the hill and around the husband, Rudolph, on Sunday night, over and around the beds and boulders the pressure was increased to 496,100 ment of the experts who have examined earry the State in '88?"

"They can, and I speak advisedly when I say that the Independents throughout the State think the same. South Carolina can be carried for the State think the same. National Republican ticket next year in-law by the neck. Rudolph swore he duced the grade of the main track to a may be expected at lengths of seventy-five feet, or as long easier than any other State in the coun-try. In voting for Congressmen and Amarchist wife and her family; that he The smaller railroad, or rail path to Branch, below Fradleton street, within Presidential electors we can provide was a law-abiding citizen; that he was speak exactly, is intended to reach the of cut-box, and breaking table, and breaking table, with sastain the weight 500 horse-power, and 500 horse power more which the State is under contract to ture which the State is under contract to ture county elections. The United States appeared before Justice C. J. White's it gets there all the same. The small of equal growty, as a large sized brackstatutes provide for the appointment of Police Court and obtained warrants for platform cars look like dining tables on store or residence, for instance. Both statutes provide for the appointment of ronce Court and obtained warrants of supervisors from each party in Congressional elections. Thus the Independents assault and the others with disorderly every day that, if piled together, would not election that the Independents assault and the others with disorderly every day that, if piled together, would not election to the United States Governwould have supervisors to look after conduct. They were arrested and held tax the capacity of the largest and ment, and the results are set forth over their interests at the polls and assure an in bail of \$200 each. - Chicago Times,

park. The other day it broke its chain tarted in to have a venison dinner. It kicked it on the shout and made the blood nd trothing at the mouth with rage. The 100,000 of whom can safely be counted brief association of that bear with the pious plony at Metlakabille, it seems, did no eradicate all the savage induce of the brute But it will probably wait till it is bigger before it tries to cat that buck again. Portland Oregonium.

J. E. Physicc's Merchant Tailor Es blast. Only a look will convince any All that want a, first-class fitting suit try him. A full line of the best goods on hand.

The cynic is a man who has failed: the woman bater is a man who has not been

THE GRANITE OF GP NITES.

SOUTH CAROLINA'S GREAT OFARBY LEADING THE WORLD.

What is Being Done to Develop the Famous Winnsboro Quarry-The Extent of the Deposit-The Quality and Accessibility of the Stone-How it is Handled.

(Carl McKinley in The News and Courier.) ment of the famous granite quarries near Winnsboro, S. C. An important feature of the new organization, it should be noted, is that it is composed entirely of citizens of this State, who have thus second the permanent control of what is conced the permanent control of what is conced to permanent control of what is conced to permanent control of what is conceded to the best building and paying the given to give to Cincinnati the best produces. Where the soil has been washed from the hillsides and fields, the gray mass protrudes in areas as broad at the parks in Charles to the stone can be handled. A great deal of the Winnsboro granite is used for paving purposes. Large quantities of the paying blocks are now being handled past the granite quarries of Georgia and intermediate States in order to give to Cincinnati the best readways. speakers and newspapers during the past six months. Of course it is not expected that the Legilature shall consider all the suggestions offered, to the extent of formulating each in a bill to be acted on the thorough the possibility of the Supreme Court, not excepting the possibility of the Supreme Court, not excepting the possibility of the Supreme Court, not excepting the nost conspicuous leader of the next conspicuous leader of the suggestions offered, to the extent of formulating each in a bill to be acted on the proposed reform here looks to the dependents most keenly feel the need of dependents most keenly feel the need of the capital has been subscribed at home. The enterprise is, therefore, of a disable with here are dependents most keenly feel the need of the proposed reform here looks to the capital has been subscribed at home. The enterprise is, therefore, of a disable with here are the proposed reform the face of the workman on the case of the proposed reform here for the first time. A slab the capital has been subscribed at home. The enterprise is, therefore, of a disable with here of the workman on the face of the workman on the quires to be added that it is one of the duet becomes too warm to handle with falls at the feet of the workman on the

the quarry company, and is somewhat peculiar in respect to grade, in that it runs up hill and down hill and through plantations in a way that efforts the oldest railroad traveler a keen sense of novelty in this mode of progression. Notwithstanding this peculiarity of its construction, however, it is safely and Notwithstanding this peculiarity of its construction, however, it is safely and construction, however, it is sately that the heavy the heavy the heavy the construction and view to the heavy the event of the processed event of some of its former treatles filled in and common of the processed event of some of its former treatles filled in unimported. Durant with the very very with a stone whose value is reckoned by the square inch might well exerte the envy of the Pennsylvania leilroad itseh. Other railroads, at any rate, that ran through granite fields of their own send many miles to get the Winnsboro granite for the construction of culveris. No , on their lines, and it was easy to imagine that the iron mouster that drew the lities, and how very strong it is ease to company's representatives gave a snort of proud satisfaction whenever he ran Two tests of it is saiding power, a ster over the masses of precious material that presente, have been recently made with

AMONG THE QUARRIES,

At the end of the line the visitors disexplarked, and found themselves in the midst of the famous rock beds and of a scene of life and industry whose interest and importance cannot well be exagger-From the side of what may now This is what Mrs. Clara of narrow gauge railroads started off the north or west of us. Pushed up the hill by hand, they receive their loads at accuracy. and near the summit, and the only difficuity in their management on the return which Thomas Strong presented to the city is kept chained in the deer paddock at the minute. There is a decided suggestion ran after the ecertill the young back turned of tobogganing in their resvenients one on it and con bed its fur with its horns and way, and certainly there could be no more assured title to enjoyment for boys time, and finally the test imitated Zaccheus of strong nerves, or no nerves at all, and a timber of a tree, while the buck stood than that of a free pass to ride at dis-uard at the late in with fire in his eyes eretion on these merry-go-downs among the Furfield hills and woods.

THE GRANITE FIELD. The visitors did not ride. The ide whom walked instead, and walked a goodeal. The quarry tract proper-that is tablishment, Columbia, S. C., is in full bulges form the surface of the earthcomprises about twenty-five acres. He sides this tract, however, the company

A SUPPLY FOR FIVE HUNDRED YEARS. careely admits of satisfactory descrip-The News and Courier announced re-contly that a company had been formed in Charlet a company had been formed bones of the world, and there is plenty in Charleston for the thorough develop- more, of course, below. Where the soil

been long since washed away, and which are readily attacked from every side, except the bottom. The appearance of these gigantic rocks as they stand solitary or in groups, or trait, out in solemn procession through the forest, cannot fail to suggest the same curious and awe popment, can best be ascertained, of strayed of from the present worst of two sharp blows had somewhere near the living things and invaded the last retreat edge, and the block "splits" in two. of a herd of the vast creatures with the long names, who, the geologists telt us, once reamed ever all this country, and in just the right place. Whatever the whom we had hoped never to see outside size of the block, this simple process

were made.

THE COMPANY'S RAILROAD,

THE COMPA inst year. The Legislature did not adopt the suggestion of that the day proposed is that the suggestion of that body.

The residual change proposed is that the specific powers of the Change and the suggestion. The powers of the Change and steps taken to the change maintain that it will serve to the changes continued to the population and extent of the changes can be covered manufaction with the farming or st themselves. The opponents contend to the Department and bring it rests the Ready as herefolore constituted,

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sufficiently shown in a single diatement yielded still more favorable results; the star It block showing the first cours at 328,000 pounds, and not crushing until can be applied is shown by the state cabe of the garage of little larger dir actsions then there of one of the trry learner strongest teams in the coal regions to his phicial agantare. There can be, of has been undertaken by the new comcourse, no com for doubt as to their pany, with the assurance of immediate

It rought very well be supposed, alltrip, laden or empty, is to prevent them this statement or uset, that a stone of from making more than a mile or so in a this statement or uset, that a stone of this tensile atrength would be about the most difficult material in the world. and furn to bur perhaps excepted apid up into convenient and useful forms. No mere stone breaker coal reasonably be expected to own a govern ment stone-splitting machine, or to b able to early our around with hi handy, if he possessed half a dozen. B. here demoting nearyellous feature of the stone in question. It is as "worka!! was not suggested to them, and scenesias it is stories. Uniform in texture, as not to occur to any of the party, all of as utterly devoid of fives and "what horses," as of red-headed girls them selves, it splits and breaks, when it doe the area where the granite crops and split and break, on planes as true almost as the sides of a rawed log. Take, to in dates, one of the great boulders described. One or two men drill a feowns a large body of land, all around holes in line along its surface. You can the quarries, and which is so disposed as carrely must a flager in one of the to afford better drainage and more tooles, and it is but a few inches in depth. elimbing facilities than can be found in You can insert two small bits of iron, St. John he will build a home in the any other one quarry-field in the Union. however, and drive a narrow wedge, Bermudas and go there to die,

Every part of this field was visited and about the size of a tenpenny nail, bethoroughly inspected, mostly on feet, tween them. This done, a few strokes and the strong impression left upon the of a hammer is given on the head of each mind and body of one of the visitors was wedge, and the great mass is cleft from that the circumference and several diameters of the company's landed pessessions would aggregate about 137 miles. wedge, and the great mass is cient from bottom to top, and from end to end, before your eyes. If other holes have been drilled in the side, and they always are, the process is promptly repeated The general aspect of the quarries and re-repeated, and in a short time the remains of that particular mastodon distion. There is granife everywhere, and appear from the face of the earth, leavng only a few basketful of fragments to

show where it reposed for so many ages. MARVELLOUS WORK, Nor is this the most striking and cu-

like it at right angles. The block is impression is irresistible that one bastrayed off from the present world of two sharp blows fall somewhere near the of the school books and phosphate com- soon makes fractions of it, and the workman is marking new lines on a new valise before you are well aware that he

has picked the lock of the first. The performance appears to be the easiest way of making a living that has yet been discovered, and all the laborers seem happy and content. A glance at their swelling muscles, however, shows that they are not engaged in play, and any one who might feel disposed to adopt their profession or art on the spot would probably be met with the advice to go and practice with a sledge hammer, in s blacksmith shop, for a year or two by way of primary education.

They are rational enough, however. Their words are justified by their works and the signs of these are all around you. The raw and precious material is melting away from the hill tops, under intelartimeer and medicert in every branch of ligent and skilled direction, and is steadily flowing down into the valley The absorption the Wine to the country. The industry is still comparatively it its infancy, great and growities, and how you strong the qualwhich is its outlet to the great cities of has won it favor wherever it has been exhibited. It is perfect in appearance when freshly cut, and is devoid of the iron and other components which mar the United States testing machine a the other granites after a brief exposure to Government are not at Watertown, atmospheric influences. It may be seen Mass. One test was applied to a callet of advantage here in Charleston, in the of the granite, about five inches oach Calleun monument and the Dragoons' to advantage here in Charleston, in the way. The first coack appeared in re- monument, and the Government buildsponse to a pressure of Sart 500 pounds, ings in Columbia and Nashville have and the "ernshing strength" was found given it widespread renown. No other to be 192,000 paineds, or 19,600 permits granite in the United States can compare per cubic meh. The second test, and with it in any desirable particular and per cubic inch. The second test, applied to a cube of about the same size, this fact is already too well known to re-

quire much advertisement. The variety of uses to which the stone and large as a railroad car can carry. It is needless to add that the granite is susceptible of a fine polish, as that follows rom its even texture and hardness.

THE COMING DEVELOPMENT,

What is most needed now is to develop the quarry on a scale that will enable the supply to meet any demand that may be made upon it, and this is the work that success. Abundance of home capital, under the direction of home capitalists and managers, has been enlisted in the enterprise, and its future is bright indeed. The whole story might be summed up in a few words. South Carolina has the finest deposit of granite in the Union, and proposes now to supply the whole Union with it. It is truly a magnificent possession that lies among the hills of old Fairfield county, and it will not be many months now same stones, so long rejected of the farmer, will form the head of the corner in the proudest edifices from Maine to Mexico.

George Francis Train passed through Bangor, Me., on Monday en route for St. John, N. B., where he says he expects to live hereafter. In the evening ie delivered an address to a small andi ence, repeating what he has already said regarding the executed Chicago murderers and lamenting "the death of freedom of American speech." If he doesn't like